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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC BRIDGES HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION/ MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

SHA Bridge	No. <u>H-37</u>	Bridge nam	e Forge Hi	ll Road over	Deer Ci	reek	
LOCATION Street/Road	V: name and nun	nber [facility o	arried] <u>Fo</u>	rge Hill Roa	ıd		
City/town _	Dublin			Vicini	i ty	X	
County	Harford						
This bridge	projects over:	Road	Railway	w	ater	X	Land
Ownership:	State	County	X	Municipa	ıl	Other	·
Nati	STATUS: ge located within ional Register-l ally-designated	isted district _	Nati	onal Registe	r-determ	ined-eligib	le district
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DESCRIPTION:	C 11.4	Down	v	
Setting: Urban	Small town	Rural		
Describe Setting:				
Bridge H-37 carries Forg north-south and Deer Cr State Park, and is surrou	ge Hill Road over Deer Creek flows east. The bridg anded by a wooded area.	reek in Harford Coun e is located in the vic	ty. Forge inity of D	e Hill Road runs Publin, in Palmer
Describe Superstructure	and Substructure:			
structure is 65.8 meters inches); there are no side superstructure consists of concrete parapets. The branch bituminous wearing supproaches have metal	2-lane, concrete arch brid (216 feet) long and has a dewalks. The out-to-out of 3 arches which support ridge is a closed spandrel r urface. The structure ha guardrails. The substru- ge is posted for 4 tons, and	clear roadway width width is 6.3 meters (transverse floor bearib concrete arch bridges pierced concrete per cture consists of 2 c	of 5.9 m (20 feet 1 ams, a conge. The congraph arapets a oncrete a	neters (19 feet 2 10 inches). The ncrete deck and oncrete deck has and the roadway abutments and 2
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Discuss Major Alteration	ns:			
There have been no major	or alterations to the bridg	e.		
HISTORY:				
WHEN was the bridge by This date is: Actual Source of date: Plaque Other (specify):	X Design plans	Estimated County bridge f	files/ins pe	ection form X
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WHO was the designer?				
Harford County				

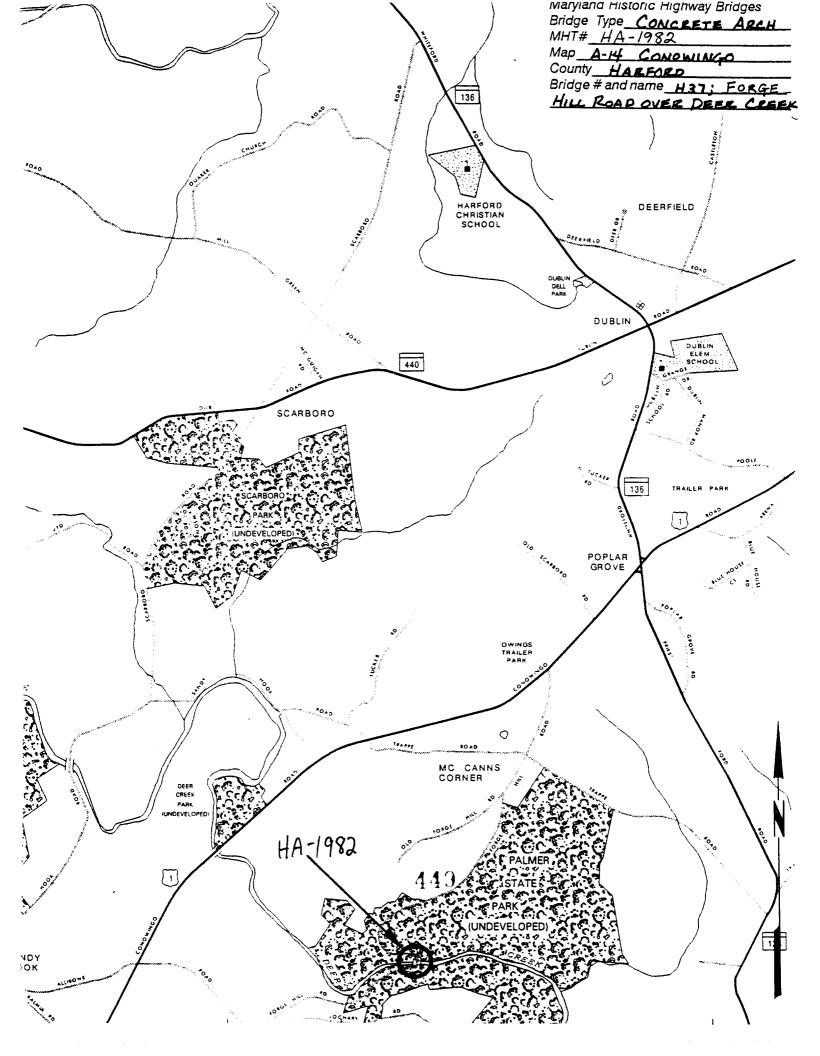
WHO was the builder?
Harford County
WHY was the bridge altered?
N/A
Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge-building campaign?
Unknown
SURVEYOR/HISTORIAN ANALYSIS:
This bridge may have National Register significance for its association with: A - Events B- Person C- Engineering/architectural character X

The bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as a significant example of concrete arch construction. The structure has a high degree of integrity and retains such character-defining elements of the type as pierced parapets, arch ribs and struts, closed spandrel walls, abutments, and piers.

Was the bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history?

The advent of modern concrete technology fostered a renaissance of arch bridge construction in the United States. Reinforced concrete allowed the arch bridge to be constructed with much more ease than ever before and maintained the load-bearing capabilities of the form. As the structural advantages of reinforced concrete became apparent, the heavy, filled barrel of the arch was lightened into ribs. Spandrel walls were opened, to give a lighter appearance and to decrease dead load. This enabled the concrete arch to become flatter and multi-centered, with longer spans possible. Designers were no longer limited to the semicircular or segmental arch form of the stone arch bridge. The versatility of reinforced concrete permitted development of a variety of economical bridges for use on roads crossing small streams and rivers.

Maryland's roads and bridge improvement programs mirrored economic cycles. The first road improvement of the State Roads Commission was a 7 year program, starting with the Commission's establishment in 1908 and ending in 1915. Due to World War I, the period from 1916-1920 was one of relative inactivity; only roads of first priority were built. Truck traffic resulting from war related factories and military installations generated new, heavy traffic unanticipated by the builders of the early road system. From 1920-1929, numerous highway improvements occurred in response to the increase in Maryland motor vehicles from 103,000 in 1920 to 320,000 in 1929, with emphasis on the secondary system of feeder roads which moved traffic from the primary roads built before World War I. After World War I, Maryland's bridge system also was appraised as too narrow and structurally inadequate for the increasing traffic, with plans for an expanded bridge program to be handled by the Bridge Division, set up in 1920. In 1920 under Chapter 508 of the Acts of 1920 the State issued a bond of \$3,000,000.00 for road construction; the primary purpose of these monies was to meet the state obligations involving the construction of rural post roads. The secondary purpose of these monies was to fund (with an equal sum from the counties) the building of lateral roads. The number of hard surfaced roads on the state system grew from 2000 in 1920 to 3200 in 1930.





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HARFORD COUNTY MD

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STATE HIGHWAY BRIDGE NO. H37
VIEW LOOKING MORTH

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Forge Hill Road Bridge over Deer Creek (H-37) Survey Number: HA-1982
Project: Bridge Rehabilitation Agency: FHWA/Harford County DPW
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria:AB _X CD Considerations:ABCD _EFGNone
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
The Forge Hill Road Bridge over Deer Creek, Harford County, Maryland is a concrete arch bridge which was constructed based on designs by the noted Architect and Engineer, Albert Kahn. This bridge was determined to be eligible by the Interagency Historic Bridge Committee based on information which stated that the bridge was built in 1925. However, Harford County indicates that the bridge was actually designed in 1911 as evidenced by its photograph and short blurb in the December 30, 1911 Engineering Record. Layton F. Smith designed the bridge, incorporating Kahn's system of reinforcement. The County proposes to replace the parapet, however the replacement will be in-kind use of materials and form. Therfore, the bridge remains eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (Engineering). Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance files
Prepared by: Julio Espinoza, County Engineer
Anne E. Bruder October 25, 1999
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I.	Geographic Region:	
	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	-	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
	_	Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
	_ Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)
II.	Chronological/Developmental	Periods:
	_ Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
	_ Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
	_ Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
	Middle Woodland	500 B.C A.D. 900
	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	
X	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
	Unknown Period (prehistori	c historic)
III.	Prehistoric Period Themes:	IV. Historic Period Themes:
	_ Subsistence	Agriculture
	Settlement	Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
		and Community Planning
	_ Political	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
	Demographic	X Government/Law
	_ Religion	Military
	_ Technology	Religion
	Environmental Adaptation	Social/Educational/Cultural
	-	X Transportation
V. R	desource Type:	
	Category: Structure	
	Historic Environment: Rus	ral
	Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	
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HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WOI

SHA CONTRACT NO. FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.

HARFORD COUNTY BID NO. ..-.. REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE NO. H-3 FORGE HILL ROAD OVER DEER CREEI

LOCATION MAP

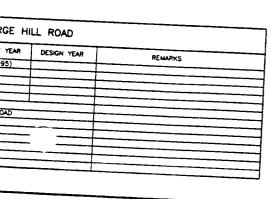
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BRIDGE NO. H-37 FORGE HILL ROAD OVER DEER CREEK

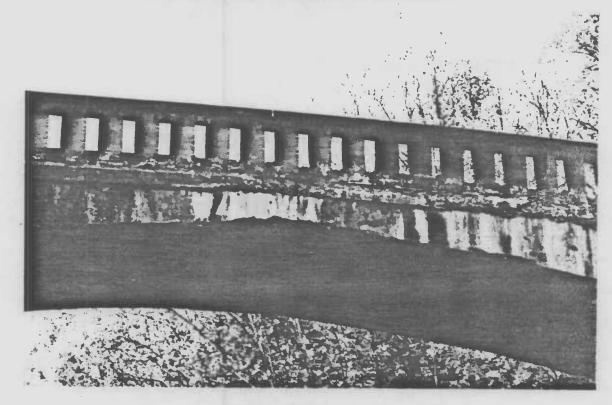


PHOTOGRAPH NO. 1 LOOKING NORTH

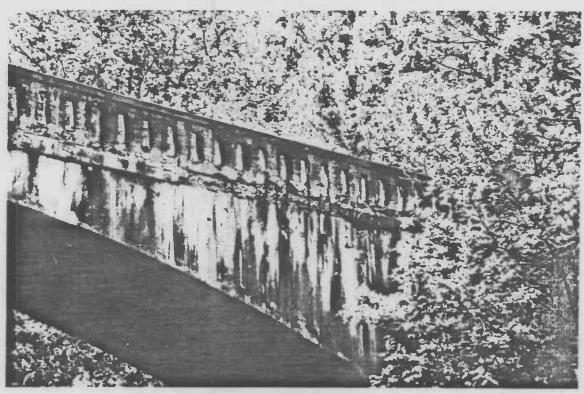


PHOTOGRAPH NO. 2 LOOKING SOUTH

BRIDGE NO. H-37 FORGE HILL ROAD OVER DEER CREEK



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 15
DETERIORATED CONCRETE ARCH (EAST SIDE)



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 16
DETERIORATED CONCRETE ARCH (EAST SIDE)

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Surve	ey No.	HA-1982
Magi	No.	
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1. Nam	e (indicate	preferred name)		
historic Fo	orge Hill Road Br	idge (preferred)		
and/or common	Bridge H_37	(r = ======,		
2. Loca	_			
street & number	3000	Block Forge Hill Road		not for publication
city, town Du	ıblin	vicinity of	congressional district	2a d. (2)
state Ma	ırykand	county	Harford	
3. Clas	sification			
Category district building(s)X structure site object	Ownership X public private both Public Acquisition in process being considerednot_applicabl	Status occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted e no	Present Useagriculturecommercialeducationalentertainmentgovernmentindustrialmilitary	museum park private residence religious scientific X transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prop	erty (give names a	and mailing addresse	es of <u>all</u> owners)
name Han	cford COunty Gove	rnment Public Works D	ept.	
street & number	200 South Bond	Street	telephone n	410-638-3285
city, town	Bel Air	state	and zip code MD	21014
5. Loca		gal Descripti	on	
courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc.		-	liber
street & number				folio
city, town			state	
6. Rep	resentatio	n in Existing	Historical Surv	zeys .
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7. Description Survey No.			
Condition excellent good fair	_X_ deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one _X_ unaltered altered	Check oneX_ original site moved date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE ATTACHED SEPARATE SHEETS

<u>8. Si</u>	gnificance		Survey No.	1982
Period prehist 1400-1 1500-1 1600-1 1800-1 X 1900-	499 archeology-historic cons 599 agriculture eco 699 architecture edu 799 art eng 899 commerce expl	munity planning servation servation cation incering coration/settlement stry	landscape architectu law literature military music philosophy politics/government	science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater
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SEE ATTACHED SHEET_s

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. <u>HA-1982</u>

Engineering Record December 30,1911 Reports of the State Roads Commission 1911

10. G	eographical Data		
	ominated property name _Bel Air Quad _ ces do NOT complete UTM refere	ences	Quadrangle scale <u>1:24000</u>
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11. Fo	orm Prepared By		
name/title	Christopher Weeks		
organization	Preservation Planner, Harford	l County da	ite January 19, 299 0
street & numb	er 220 South Main Street	tel	lephone 410-638-3103
city or town	Bel Air,	sta	ate MD 21014

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Summary

Bridge H-37 is a three-span, two-lane reinforced concrete bridge that carries Forge Hill Road over Deer Creek in north-central Harford County, Maryland. The bridge is located in the heavily forested Palmer State Park near the hamlet of Dublin; it is cited as a contributing element of the Lower Deer Creek Valley National Register Historic District. Forge Hill Road generally runs north-south; Deer Creek flows easterly from Baltimore County to the Susquehanna River.

General Description

The following is from the *Engineering Record* of December 30, 1911 (Vol. 64, No. 27), pp. 761-62:

"Recently completed by the State Roads Commission," the Forge Hill Road Bridge's "main arch has a clear span of 100 ft. with a rise of 11 ft. and the side arches have half spans of 45 ft. with a rise of 8 ft. 9 ins. The total length of the bridge, between abutments, is 210 ft. and wing walls at either abutment increase the overall distance to 248 ft. The roadway in the clear is 18 ft. 4 in. The Kahn system of reinforcement is used throughout the structure. A clause in the specifications required individual bars and suggested that shear members be rigidly attached to main tension members.

"The framing comprises four individual piers, with mass concrete footings, supporting the two arch ribs. These ribs support transverse floorbeams and on these the bridge floor is laid.

"The footings for the four piers are carried to solid rock and brought to a uniform elevation of 123 ft. Eight cup-bar dowels 4 ft. long are anchored 2 ft. in these footings...and, with eight $1 \frac{3}{4} \times 2 \frac{3}{4}$ -in. trussed bars lashed to them, provide anchorage and reinforcement to the piers. The piers, 6 ft. 8 in. by 14 ft. at the base, are batterd to 2 x 10-ft. at the springing line, El. 137, to conform to the arch rib section. At the springing line they are tied transversely by a concrete beam of 2 x 2-ft. section, reinforced at the top and bottom by two $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \frac{1}{4}$ - in. trussed bars, 20 ft. long, spaced 12 in. on centers. The two arched ribs, parabolic in section at the intrados and horizontal at the extrados, have a crown thickness of 3 ft. and a width of 2 ft....

"The floorbeams have a clear span of 16 ft. 4 in., a thickness of 24 in. at the ends and 27 in. at the center and are 1 ft. wide. They are reinforced with two 1 ¾ x 2 ¾-in. trussed bars 18 ft. 3 in. long....The floor slab has a clear span of 9 ft. and a depth of 8 ½ in.....The curb 10 x 24 in. carries a reinforced concrete railing of simple open panel design....To provide for drainage, the bridge is built on a rising grade from either end of 1.9 per cent., and 2-in. drainage spouts are placed at either curb 25 ft. apart." The span

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boasts pierced concrete parapets which might be viewed as guard rails that in effect appear to be decorative balustrades.

The *Engineering Record* notes that, "According to Mr. Layton F. Smith, the designing engineer, this bridge was designed for the ribs to act as cantilevers 110 ft. long, with the middle 10 ft. resting on the piers....By considering the ribs as cantilevers, the load is transmitted vertically to the foundations.

"There were three different mixtures of concrete used in construction. For beams and columns the proportions were 1:2:4; for floor plates and footings 1:2 1/2: 5; and for slabs under 3 in., one part of cement to three parts of fine aggregate were used. Broken stone was used in all cases." Once the abutments and piers were in place, "the rest of the concrete to the under side of the hand rail was poured continuously for 88 hours."

The bridge was designed by Layton Smith, a Baltimore-based consulting engineer, under the general supervision of W.W. Crosby, chief engineer of the State Roads Commission. E. Ward Brown served as general contractor, with Daniel Morgan superintendent.

A 1995 inspection report deemed the bridge in poor condition with overall deterioration. The roadway has small patches and potholes. The concrete arches are spalled and have exposed reinforcement bars. The underside of the deck has deteriorated. The abutments are honeycombing and cracking. The piers are spalling, scaling, and eroding. The concrete parapets are also spalling with exposed reinforcement bars.

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Summary

The Forge Hill Road Bridge, completed in 1911, stands as one of the newly formed State Roads Commission's first efforts to improve and upgrade Maryland's highway network. It is also an early (and fine) example of reinforced concrete construction.

History and Support

The Forge Hill Road Bridge was built as part of the State Roads Commission's ongoing effort to provide a more efficient transportation network. Specifically, it was part of a seven-year program that began with the Commission's establishment in 1908 and ended in 1915.

This burst of activity coincided with the advent of modern concrete technology. The first known concrete houses in the then-booming Baltimore, located in Roland Park, date to 1905, just six years before the Forge Hill Bridge spanned Deer Creek in a remote stretch of Harford County.

Reinforced concrete allowed the arch bridge to be constructed with much more ease than before and maintained the load-bearing capacity of the form. As the structural advantages of reinforced concrete became clear, overall bridge design was lightened. Its arch design is significant: the era the bridge was built coincides with an era in which concrete bridge design was increasingly standardized, with beam and slab constituting 65% of all construction. Yet as consultant P.A.C. Spero has noted, "it appears that the arch was selected when aesthetic as well as other site conditions were considered." It is thus interesting that the Commission chose the more aesthetically pleasing arch design for this somewhat remote span.

The "new" Forge Hill Road Bridge was built to replace an earlier structure a few yards upstream, which required that the road be relocated and realigned. And in addition to its aesthetic appeal, the new Forge Hill Bridge offered practical advantages over the earlier span. As the 1911 State Roads Commission reports notes, "this [new bridge] is one of the greatest improvements your Board has completed. The grades on the old crossing of Deer Creek were as high as 16 per cent. And the old road was utterly impassable for considerable periods each year. The new road has no grade over 7 percent."

Moreover, "the new bridge is a fine example of permanent work. It is of reinforced concrete of unusual design and its cost (\$10,000) was only a few hundred dollars in excess of the usual type of steel and wood structure of equal strength. Considering its freedom from maintenance charges, its cost over a period of years should be less than that of a steel structure."

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The bridge is cited as a contributing element to the Lower Deer Creek Valley National Register Historic District.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST					
Eligibility Recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility Not Recommended				
Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations:	AB _	CD _	E	_FG _	_None
Comments: The bridge contributes to the Lower Deer Creek Valley Historic District, and is also individually					
eligible as an engineering example (Criteria A and C). It was determined to be eligible for the National Register					
of Historic Places by the Interagency Historic Bridge Committee and the Trust's concurs with that determination.					
Reviewer, OPS: Alfred .	_ D	ate:	15/	TOW)	
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

I. Geographic Organization

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II. Chronological/Development Period

Industrial/Urban Dominance

III. Historic Period Theme

Transportation

IV. Resource Type

Structure

Rural Environment

Historic Function: Bridge

Design Source: Layton Smith, engineer

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